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E-Star Colorado™, a statewide organization whose mission is to advance energy efficiency in buildings, recently won two national awards for its work.

Products developed by E-Star, funded with a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) contract administered by the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC), received "Best of Show" awards at the DOE National Energy Building Codes and Standards Workshop held in Atlanta, Georgia in June 2003.

The first award was for a codes training curriculum designed by E-Star that works in states with home-rule jurisdictions. The majority of states in this country have statewide building codes that include an energy code in compliance with the 1992 Federal Energy Policy Act. Accordingly, code training and support is typically based on an assumption of one code applying across an entire state. Since that is not the case in Colorado, E-Star developed an energy codes training curriculum that focuses on the basic building science principles behind codes, is flexible on what version of an energy code is used by the audience, and discusses housing construction techniques that go beyond code. This allows Colorado code officials and construction professionals to devise, implement, and adhere to energy codes within their respective jurisdictions.

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The second award was for an informative packet of materials for homebuyers developed by the City of Fort Collins Municipal Utility and the Home Builders Association of Northern Colorado in conjunction with E-Star. Information in the packet provides Colorado consumers with tools to shop for an energy-efficient and quality built new home. Specifically, it allows consumers to evaluate whether or not a home will be durable, comfortable, have healthy indoor air, offer low utility bills, and reduce impacts on the environment.

About E-Star Colorado™ – E-Star Colorado is an energy conservation organization created by the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation with support from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA).